

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1145 - SB 1239

March 12, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Office of Solicitor General within the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter (Attorney General), and requires a Solicitor General of Tennessee be elected as the head of such Office by a joint vote of both houses of the General Assembly and serve a term of four years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$227,400

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation creates the Office of Solicitor General, the position of Solicitor General, and the procedure for electing the Solicitor General or filling any vacancy in the office. The proposed legislation does not set forth the duties of the Office or the Solicitor General.
- It is assumed that the Solicitor General will receive a salary similar to the Attorney General's salary estimated to be approximately \$176,988 per year.
- The proposed legislation will increase recurring state expenditures by \$217,401 [$\$176,988 + (\$176,988 \times 0.1127 \text{ benefits}) + (\$176,988 \times 0.0765 \text{ FICA}) + \$6,926.76 \text{ insurance}$].
- It is unknown the extent of additional resources the Office of Solicitor General will require to effectuate the purpose of this legislation. However, it is anticipated that additional recurring state expenditures will be required, including but not limited to, telecommunications and office supplies. Such recurring state expenditures are reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000 per year.
- It is assumed recurring appropriations from the General Fund will be required.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures from the General Fund is estimated to exceed \$227,401 ($\$217,401 + \$10,000$).
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the operations of the Attorney General as the proposed legislation does not change the Attorney General's duties.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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